

## Schedule 4

### Local Green Space

One task of the Neighbourhood Plan is to recommend areas of land that should be formally designated as Local Green Space. Once designated, a site will be afforded a measure of protection from unwanted development. A site must meet the following criteria:

1. It is in reasonably close proximity to the community it serves;
2. The area of land is demonstrably special to the local community and holds a particular local significance, e.g. natural beauty, historical significance, recreational value, tranquility or richness of wildlife;
3. The area is local in character and is not an extensive tract of land;
4. Be consistent with the local planning of sustainable development and complement investment in sufficient homes, jobs and other essential services;
5. Only be designated when a plan is prepared or reviewed, and be capable of enduring beyond the end of the plan period.

Set out below are the sites that residents wished to see designated. It was not possible to include more than a general question in the survey, but from the freeform replies and from Open Days and consultations, a list of sites was drawn up. Ten sites pass all five criteria listed above, and would be designated under Policy VE1; these are shown on the map in the Evidence Base and listed below:

1. Walberton Village Green and Pond (.56ha) – These are focal points of the westernmost Conservation Area; the green was grazed in past generations and the pond was used as a sheep wash. They are attractive features of the village landscape and used by local children for ball games and fishing.
2. Walberton Playing Field (1.79ha) – a vital green space in the centre of the village providing space for football, cricket, stoolball, fairs and carnivals. Also provides a setting for the community buildings.
3. Avisford Park (20.17ha) – once the home of local dignitaries, now an elegantly green space, well used as a golf course and a parkland setting for the Hilton Hotel.
4. Fontwell Meadows (9.75ha) – this also is a characteristic of the villages. It is valued by Fontwell residents for itself as an open area of countryside providing a rural setting and good grazing. It is also an important wildlife resource – the unimproved grassland is rich in flora and insects and it is also part of a key feeding corridor for a rare species of bats. A petition by local residents for Local green Space designation is currently awaiting decision by ADC, but ADC has indicated it may not be approved.
5. Tupper's Field (11.20ha) – this is one of the fields that come into the heart of the village, giving it a truly rural character. It was highly valued by respondents to the Survey – the children particularly loved the fact that both the School and the Playing Field adjoin open fields. It provides a safe buffer between the golf course and the residential areas.

6. Homefield Crescent Green Space (.23ha) – a large grass area giving the surrounding houses a sense of space. Also used for recreation by residents

7. Hunters Mews Play Areas, Fontwell (.21ha) – owned by the ADC and a key design element when the surrounding residential area was built. It is the only recreational land in Fontwell

8. Pigeon House Fields adjoining St Mary's Church, Walberton (2.22ha) – These fields provide a unique setting for the Grade 1 Listed St Mary's Church to the east and the iconic dovecote to the west. It is valued by the entire village, being crossed by two well used public footpaths. The proximity of the open farmland to the residential area is a key to the semi-rural character of the village landscape

9. The Allotments, Yapton Lane (.64ha) – a great asset to the community and to the 20 or so allotment holders and to the many who use the footpaths which provide a circular route from Walberton village

10. National Trust field, Fontwell (2.46ha) – a public footpath along its western boundary links to permissive paths round the other two sides forming a valued recreational route for villagers without needing to cross the A27. It provides a green barrier between the houses and the main trunk road

The total area of land allocated is 49.23ha which is 4.72% of the total Parish land area.